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## **MURPHYSBORO MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 15, 2006, **KENNETH R. LUNSFORD**, age 41, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. LUNSFORD was sentenced to 420 months (35 years) imprisonment, was fined \$100, and was placed on 5 years' supervised release.

LUNSFORD had previously pleaded guilty to a one-count federal indictment. The indictment charged that from October 5, 2005, to October 31, 2005, in Jackson County, LUNSFORD distributed in interstate commerce by use of a computer, child pornography, in violation of federal law. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Carbondale Police Department, the Marion Police Department, the Perry County Sheriff's Office, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Perry County State's Attorneys Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.